

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Willard Log House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 17/45 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 12

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4. Address: Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>yes; restricted</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>park</u>		

6. Date: c. 1825

7. Original Owner: Robert Dick

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This rectangular, two-and-a-half story, four bay log house sits on a rise overlooking a pond, facing east. Originally a one room one story structure, the house has been enlarged by a second story and a one story log addition to the north built about 1952 by the Izaak Walton League. The League also inserted new six-over-six double-hung windows at that time. The two gable roofs are covered by wooden shingles.

10. Significance: Sitting on a tract of land first granted to Robert Peter, Georgetown's first mayor, this log house was probably built by Robert Dick, a wealthy Georgetown resident who bought most of the Peter holdings in 1825. The house probably was used by the farm overseer, Jesse Hyatt. In 1870, Robert Dick sold his holdings to Robert Peter's grandson, George Peter, Jr. who then sold the farm to two brothers Dewalt and Charles Willard. Dewalt Willard held the house and farmed his acreage, and his family held the land until 1942. After changing hands several times, the property was purchased by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for recreational activities.

11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt-7/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 266.41 acres

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Willard Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Izaak Walton Way

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☒ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Izaak Walton League of America,

B.C.C. Chapter c/o J. Hugh Harmon

Telephone #: 942-8483

STREET & NUMBER

3211 Blueford Road

CITY, TOWN

Kensington

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20795

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: 1268

Folio #: 499

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory Of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This rectangular two and half story four bay log house is in excellent condition. It sits on a slight rise overlooking a pond, facing east.

Built on high sandstone foundations, this log house was originally one story high and one room. The Izaak Walton League raised the roof and created a full second story and added a one story log addition to the north in 1952. The logs are notched at the corners and the walls now have poured concrete chinking. There is a poured concrete slab in front of the east (front) door. This door is constructed of vertical boards, presumably held in place by two horizontal boards, one at the top and one at the bottom, on the inside. The six over six double hung windows now found throughout the house are not original. There is a paired window on the east elevation of the north wing. There are two gable roofs, covered by wooden shingles, over the main house and the north addition (this roof is lower as the north addition is only one story). At the south elevation there is an exterior end chimney of sandstone. There is an interior end chimney on the north wing which was added in 1952.

Northwest of the log house is the original log smokehouse. This has notched logs and the walls have poured concrete chinking. The smoke house is a small rectangular structure with a board and batten door on the south elevation. The gable roof is covered by wooden shingles and the north and south gable ends are shingled as well.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1825 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the early 19th century log houses were the typical residences of Montgomery County farmers and farm overseers. The Willard Log House is an example of this type of structure.

Around the middle of the 18th century Robert Peter emigrated from his native Scotland to the Colonies and settled in Georgetown. Robert's family were members of the aristocracy, his father being the Laird of Crossbasket and living in Crossbasket Castle. Robert prospered in Georgetown, became its first mayor, and married Elizabeth Scott, the daughter of the deputy commissary-general of Lord Baltimore. A large tract of land, well over 1,000 acres, was granted to him in what was to become Montgomery County and he named it "Crossbasket" after his ancestral home in Scotland.¹

Following his death in 1806, Robert's children inherited his vast land holdings.² In 1812 they divided up the property, and son George received Crossbasket.³

At age 15 George Peter ran away to join the Maryland troops fighting the whiskey insurrectionists. His parents sent a messenger to General George Washington explaining the problem, and young Peter was sent home. In 1799 he joined the military and after several years of exceptional service was promoted to major. In 1815 he was elected to Congress from the 60th congressional district, the first Democrat to be so honored.

Another wealthy Georgetown resident, Robert Dick, bought most of Peter's holdings in 1825.⁴ This included "Crossbasket", by now modified to "Cors Basket". It is believed that sometimes in this period the log house was built to house the farm's overseer and his family. Jesse Hyatt became the overseer on Dick's new property, and he called "Piney Hill Farm".

Dick bought much land in the county and Georgetown and mortgaged himself deeply in the process. In 1870 Dick had to give up all his vast land holdings to George Peter's son, George Peter Jr., in lieu of the money he owed him.⁵

One year later George Peter Jr. sold the farm to two brothers, Dewalt and Charles Willard.⁶ The brothers apparently planned to informally split the 675½ acres and farm them, but the death of Charles soon after complicated matters. His widow was not pleased with the informal

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Portrait and Biographical Record, Chapman Publishing Co.:
 New York, NY, 1898, p. 766-7.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 266.41 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located at the end of Izaak Walton Way, approx. 1 mile from W.
 Willard Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed
Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO:

~~Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
 2000 N. Shattuck
 P.O. Box 100, 20753
 (301) 267-1438

Attachment Sheet A
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boundaries and went to court over the matter.⁷ The court divided the property up and Dewalt continued to farm his section. His children purchased the land, now called "Corn Basket" in 1888,⁸ and held it for more than 50 years, finally selling it in 1942. After changing hands several times, the property was purchased by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, which uses it for recreational activities. Today the tax records list the land named after Robert Peter's ancestral home as "Charbasket".

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Portrait and Biographical Record, Chapman Publishing Company, New York, NY, 1898, p. 766-7
- 2 Wills of Montgomery County, Md., F/329 (11/29/1806).
- 3 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. Partition P/674 (6/17/1812).
- 4 Ibid., Deed Y/135 (3/7/1825).
- 5 Ibid., Deed of Trust EBP 7/293 (4/18/1870).
- 6 Ibid., Deed EBP 8/226 (2/20/1871).
- 7 Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md. Case #619.
- 8 Land Records, Deed JA 9/239 (2/23/1888).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Willard House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Willard Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	recreation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Izaak Walton League of America, BCC Chapter				
STREET AND NUMBER: Willard Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a two-story, log structure with a one story wing to the north. It sits on a stone foundation. The logs are joined with inverted V-notches. The main (east) facade is three bays with a central doorway. On the north end is an internal chimney; on the south end, the stone chimney is external. The gable end is clapboarded.

The interior has two rooms with a log partition wall. The staircase rises along the partition wall.

There is a stone springhouse on the property. It has an "A" roof with log plats and rafters. The gable ends are vertical board and batten.

The smokehouse is built of squared logs infilled with stone. The logs are joined with chamfered ends overlapped without being notched. The gable ends are bound and batten. Tie-beams above the plate are of log, squared on two faces; rafters are of log.

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 3 Dec 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

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Willard Log House

Izaak Walton Way
Poolesville, MD



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NAME CHAS. F. M. WILLARD HOUSE

LOCATION WILLARD RD. POOLESVILLE, MD (IWLA PROP.)

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



NAME CHAS. F. M. WILLARD HOUSE

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LOCATION WILLARD Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md. (IWLA PROP.)

FACADE W.

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



#17-45

NAME CHAS. F. M. WILLARD HOUSE

LOCATION WILLARD RD. POOLESVILLE, Md (IWLA PROP.)

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



NAME CHAS. F. M. WILLARD HOUSE - MEATHOUSE

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LOCATION WILLARD Rd POOLESVILLE, Md (INLA PROP.)

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



NAME CHAS. F.M. WILLARD HOUSE - SPRINGHOUSE

#17-45

LOCATION WILLARD RD POOLESVILLE MD (IWLA PROP.)

FACADE S

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